

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON:				
John Horst House				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
North side of Maryland Route 56, one mile west of Charlton Road.				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Route 1, Big Spring				
STATE		COUNTY:		
Maryland		Washington		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC				
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious    _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific    _____				
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME:				
John Horst				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
Route 1				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
Big Spring		Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:				
Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
Hagerstown		Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 347/653				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
Maryland Historical Trust Survey #4063				
DATE OF SURVEY: Summer, 1967 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
2525 Riva Road				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
Annapolis		Maryland		

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This structure is located on the north side of Maryland Route 56, approximately 3/4 mile west of the Charlton Road in Washington County, Maryland. It stands on a rise of ground near a small stream and faces south or toward the road.

The house is a five-bay, two-story stone dwelling with dark green and white trim. A two-story shingle-covered addition projects at right angles to the rear of the stone section. Brick chimneys are located inside each gable end of the main section and the addition. Galvanized sheet metal which dates from the 20th century covers the roof.

The walls are constructed of uncoursed local field limestone with a water table located near the ground level. There is generally little decorative stone work although flat arches are present over the first story openings along the front of the house.

The original woodwork is quite simple. The cornice consists merely of a molded band of wood. There is no decorative molding on the jambs, lintels or sills of the windows. The double pane sashes are not original to the house. Workable louvered shutters are present at all windows at the first and second stories. A Victorian porch with much ornamental gingerbread woodwork extends across the three center bays of the facade.

Window and door openings are placed in an irregular manner. Three openings are present on the second story of the facade, while five are located in the main story. The distance between the openings at each level is not uniform.

Two front doors are located in the second and fourth bays. Narrow transoms are included in the framing of both doors and they appear to have received equally little decorative treatment. Neither shows evidence of having been favored as a main entrance.

No exterior date stone indicating the year that this house was built has been found. The owner, however, has stated that a date of 1791 can be seen in the basement.

The building complex of which this house is a part includes a barn and other outbuildings related to agricultural use. The property contains 131.38 acres and is used for farming. The house is not now threatened with alteration or destruction.

## B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☒ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1791

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | losophy                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | itarian                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of this structure is its architecture. Except for the Victorian front porch, the modern metal roof and the possible lengthening of windows which could have taken place in the late 19th century, this dwelling does not appear to have been altered to any great degree.

If the 1791 date is correct, the house is outstanding as an 18th century structure, examples of which are present but not abundant in western Washington County. The probability of a late 18th century building date can be supported by several factors determined from an exterior examination of the building. First, the rather small size of the house is suggestive of a pre-1800 building date. Secondly, the irregularity of the window and door openings reflects a lack of concern on the part of the builder for the more formal and symmetrical design which was developing in the county late in the 18th century. Also, the road which is now Route 56 was present in 1791 as an early trail giving this property easy access to settlements to the east and west.

Although stone house construction is common throughout Washington County, this dwelling because of the random placement of its window and door openings is not typical of most other stone houses which usually contain four or five bays and are more symmetrical in design.

This structure is significant as an example of a vernacular building. Its lack of symmetry and formal design suggest that it was built to supply the basic need for shelter rather than to conform to an artistic plan. The house appears to have been built without conscious aesthetic concern or stylistic interest.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 131.38 acres

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant	
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historic Sites Survey	DATE July, 1973
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex	
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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